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Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-captioned application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Kindly amend claims 1-23 as follows:

1. (Amended) A gelling agent comprising a relatively nonpolar compound or a nonionic surfactant, comprising at least one block copolymer comprising the following units:

$$-X-(R^1)_m-(OA)_n-X-$$

(I), and

$$-\text{[NH-R}^2\text{-NHCO-R}'^2\text{-CO]}_r-$$

(IIa), and/or

$$-\text{[NH-R}^3\text{-CO]}_s-$$

(IIb), and

$$-\text{OC}-\text{R}^4-\text{CO}-$$

(III)

in which units:

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